

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Private First Class Charles Howard Roan
2 gave his life for his country during World War II, and the
3 commemoration of the 75th anniversary of his death provides a
4 fitting occasion to honor his posthumous receipt of the
5 Congressional Medal of Honor; and

6 WHEREAS, The son of Henry and Lillabel Roan, Charles Roan was
7 born in Claude on August 16, 1923; he volunteered for the
8 U.S. Marine Corps in 1942 and was deployed to the Pacific theater in
9 1943, seeing combat in eastern New Guinea, the Bismarck
10 Archipelago, and the Palau Islands; and

11 WHEREAS, A rifleman with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st
12 Marine Division, Private Roan was killed in action on September 18,
13 1944, on Peleliu Island; he and his squad came under hand grenade
14 attack after being cut off from their company; injured by a blast,
15 he was then mortally wounded when he threw himself over another
16 charge, absorbing the full impact of the explosion and saving the
17 lives of four of his comrades; and

18 WHEREAS, President Harry Truman presented the Congressional
19 Medal of Honor to Private Roan's mother in a July 1945 ceremony at
20 the Armstrong County Courthouse; this brave Marine was additionally
21 honored with the Purple Heart, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
22 with three battle stars, and the World War II Victory Medal;
23 moreover, the USS *Charles H. Roan* was christened in 1946, and the
24 Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home in Amarillo bears his name;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Demonstrating extraordinary courage in the line of
3 duty, Charles Howard Roan made the ultimate sacrifice in the
4 service of his nation, and his fellow Americans owe him a debt that
5 the passage of time can never diminish; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the death of
8 U.S. Marine Private First Class Charles Howard Roan and his
9 posthumous receipt of the Congressional Medal of Honor; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1197

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1197 was adopted by the House on April 18, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House